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7510 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Board of Education believes ~~that~~ the school facilities of this district should be made available for community purposes, provided that such use does not interfere with the educational **and co-curricular** program**s** of the school~~s~~ **district**. **For the purpose of this policy, "school facilities" also includes school grounds.**

The Board will permit the use of school facilities when such permission has been requested in writing and has been approved by the _Business Administrator___**.** ~~except that~~ **T**~~t~~he Board reserves the right to withdraw permission after it has been granted **in the event circumstances change requiring such school facilities or school grounds will be needed for a school district purpose or due to a school closing due to weather or other emergency**.

In weighing competing requests for the use of school facilities, the Board will give priority to the following uses, in the descending order given:

Number the following uses in the appropriate order

_1__ Uses and groups directly related to the schools and the operations of the schools, including pupil and teacher groups;

_2__ Uses and organizations indirectly related to the schools, including the P.T.A.**, P.T.O., Home-School Association, and other school-parent related organizations**;

__3___Departments and agencies of **the** municipal government;

___ Governmental agencies ~~generally~~;

__4_ Community organizations formed for charitable, civic, social, or educational purposes;

___ Community political organizations;

___ Community church groups;

_5__ Private groups and organizations;

___ _____ **(other)**.

[Optional

~~The use of school facilities will not be granted for the advantage of any commercial or profit-making organization, partisan political activity, **or any** private social function,.**]**~~

The use of school facilities will not be granted ~~or~~ **for** any purpose that is prohibited by law.

Each user shall present evidence of the purchase of organizational liability insurance to the limit **as** prescribed by district regulations. **Each user shall inspect any facility or school grounds to be used prior to such use and shall notify a district representative of any existing safety or dangerous conditions. In the event such conditions exist, the district may cancel or modify the user's access to the school facility until such conditions are addressed.** Users shall be financially liable for damage to the facilities and for proper chaperonage **as required by the school district administration**. ~~All activities must terminate by _____ p.m.~~

Use of school equipment in conjunction with the use of school facilities must be specifically requested in writing and may be granted in accordance with Policy No. 7520. The users of school equipment must accept liability for any damage or loss to such equipment that occurs while it is in their use, regardless of any assignment of negligence. Where rules so specify, ~~no~~ **certain** item**s** of equipment may **only** be used ~~except~~ by a qualified operator **approved by the school district administration**.

The Board shall approve annually a schedule of fees for the use of school facilities based upon the following guidelines:

1. The use of school facilities for activities directly related to the educational program and district operations

   Optional

   [and use by **_____ (list organizations)]**

   shall be without cost to the user except that the user shall be responsible for any custodial costs incurred by the use and any fees charged by a law enforcement agency in connection with the use.

2. All other organizations or persons granted the use of school shall

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pay in advance the scheduled fee and the cost of any additional staff services ~~required by the use~~ will be billed after use.

The school district shall provide a copy of Policy and Regulation 2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries to all youth sports team organizations that operate on school grounds or in school facilities. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.5, the school district shall not be liable for the injury or death of a person due to the action or inaction of persons employed by, or under contract with, a youth sports team organization that uses school facilities or operates on school grounds if the youth sports team organization provides the school district proof of an insurance policy in the amount of not less than $50,000 per person, per occurrence; insuring the youth sports team organization against liability for any bodily injury suffered by a person. The youth sports team organization must also provide a statement of compliance with the school district's Policy and Regulation 2431.4 - Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries.

For the purpose of this Policy, a "youth sports team organization" means one or more sports teams organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter or which are member teams in a league organized by or affiliated with a county or municipal recreation department.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the use of school facilities; such regulations shall be distributed to every user of the facilities and every applicant for the use of school facilities. Permission to use school facilities shall be granted only to persons and organizations that agree **to the terms of Policy and Regulation 7510, the requirements as outlined in the use of school facilities application, and in accordance with the terms outlined in the approval** ~~in writing to be bound by these regulations~~ **granted by the school district**.

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